

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Of claims 1-34 that were pending in the application, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 31-34 were rejected in the Office Action. Applicant greatly appreciates the allowance of claims 6, 9-11, and 14-30. By way of this amendment, Applicant has: (a) canceled claim 1, 4, and 5, without prejudice or disclaimer; and (b) amended claims 2, 7, 12, 13, and 31-34 without adding new matter.

By way of these amendments, claims 2, 3, 7, 8, and 12 now depend from allowed claim 6, claim 13 now depends from allowed claim 9; and claims 31-34 now depend from allowed claim 14. In light of these cancellations and amendments, the rejections of claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 31-34 are now moot. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, and 6-30 are now in condition for allowance.

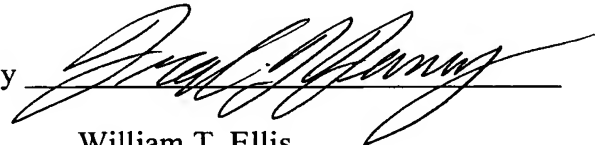
A Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such communication would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED REGARDING THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT, TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-0741. SHOULD NO PROPER PAYMENT BE ENCLOSED HERewith, AS BY A CHECK BEING IN THE WRONG AMOUNT, UNSIGNED, POST-DATED, OTHERWISE IMPROPER OR INFORMAL OR EVEN ENTIRELY MISSING, THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THE UNPAID AMOUNT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-0741. IF ANY EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE NEEDED FOR TIMELY ACCEPTANCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED HERewith, APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR SUCH EXTENSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 AND AUTHORIZES PAYMENT OF ANY SUCH EXTENSIONS FEES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-0741.